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1. REFTEL INDICATES SVENSK WOULD PREFER TO SHIFT FROM IVOIRE TO TIAMA RATES, HOWEVER, DO NOT VERY CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN THE TWO. IVOIRE HAS SOME SINGLES FOR APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 25, MOST HOWEVER ARE DOLLARS 30 AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSURE YOU WILL OBTAIN CHEAPEST ROOM. TIAMA IS STANDARD DOLLARS 28 FOR A SINGLE. HOTEL DU PARC ALSO ON PLATEAU NEAR EBASSY HAS SINGLES FOR DOLLARS 26 - STILL NOT MUCH SAVING.

2. IF SVENSK INTERESTED IN MORE REASONABLE HOTEL THAN QUOTED ABOVE FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD TWO OPTIONS EXIST. GRAND HOTEL, ON THE PLATEAU (NEAR MAIN COMMERCIAL AREA, BANKS, ETC.) AT DOLLARS 16-18 AND THE RELAIS DE COCODY (NEAR IVOIRE) 20-25 FOR A SINGLE ROOM. BOTH ARE REASONABLY COMFORTABLE BUT DEFINITELY NOT IN THE SAME CLASS AS TIAMA OR IVOIRE. TRANSPORTATION IS CONVENIENT FROM COCODY, BUT PLATEAU LOCATION PROBABLY MOST ADVANTEGEIOUS GIVEN NATURE OF STAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF SVENSK WOULD STILL PREFER TO MOVE TO TIAMA OR ONE OF OTHER CHOICES ABOVE. FYI. ALL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CONTINUAL EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS IN DOLLAR VALUE COMPLICATE ESTIMATES OF PRICES.

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